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happens to serve food, and a lot of bars serve pretty good food? Well, that bar is going to gain business; the restaurant is going to lose business. So I don't buy the idea that restaurants will not lose business. You know, when an employee comes in to apply for a job in a restaurant, if it's too smoky in there they just plainly need to tell the owner, I'm not going to work here, it's too smoky. And I would tell them that I own a grocery store. I'm looking for help all of the time and I know a lot of grocery stores that are looking for help. So, you know, it isn't that you have to work in that restaurant or that bar. You do not have to work there. You have the choice. I believe the figures were, 10 years ago, that there were 25 nonsmoking restaurants in the state of Nebraska. I believe it's some...I'm not sure about this, but I believe it's somewhere around 700 now, and I think we need to let the free-market society work. We need to let that work, let people make their own decisions, let business make a decision on what's best for their business. And I do feel sympathetic for the people with asthma and other illnesses, but they do not have to go to those restaurants. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, thank you. Senator Chambers, an amendment to LB 154. The Agriculture Committee reports LB 523 to General File with amendments attached, and I have an explanation of vote from Senator McDonald (re: LB 46, LB 48, LB 193, LB 226, LB 253, LB 280, LB 299, LB 337, and LB 409). Mr. President, there will be an Executive Session of the Revenue Committee today at 1:30 in their hearing room, 1524. And a series of adds: Senators Pedersen and Engel to add their name to LB 503; Senator Aguilar to LB 685; Senator Vrtiska to LB 711. (Legislative Journal pages 844-850.)

Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Thompson would move to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion is to adjourn until Thursday morning, March 1, at nine o'clock. All in favor of the motion. Opposed say nay. We are adjourned. (Gavel)

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